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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/60/506 and Corr.1)*]

60/142. Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that, in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,[1] the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights recognized the inherent dignity and the unique contribution of indigenous peoples to the development and plurality of society and strongly reaffirmed the commitment of the international community to their economic, social and cultural well-being and their enjoyment of the fruits of sustainable development,

Reaffirming the commitment of States to continue making progress in the advancement of the human rights of the world's indigenous peoples at the local, national, regional and international levels, as well as in the areas of culture, education, health, environment and social and economic development,

Reaffirming also that States should, in accordance with international law, take concerted positive steps to ensure respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, on the basis of equality and non-discrimination, and recognizing the value and diversity of their distinctive identities, cultures and social organizations,

Recalling its resolution 48/163 of 21 December 1993, in which it proclaimed the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, commencing on 10 December 1994, with the goal of strengthening international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous people in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, education and health,

Bearing in mind the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] and the draft programme of action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People,[3]

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[1] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[2] See resolution 55/2.

[3] A/60/270, sect. II.

which are linked and which together promote actions to improve the standard of living of the indigenous peoples,

Recalling its resolution 59/174 of 20 December 2004 proclaiming the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 2005–2014,

Expressing its appreciation to the Coordinator of the Second Decade, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, for having elaborated a concrete programme of action to be pursued during the Decade based upon equal participation and partnership between all actors involved,

Conscious that in its resolution 59/174 it requested the Coordinator to fulfil his mandate in full cooperation and consultation with, inter alia, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Keeping in mind the need to continue, as appropriate, developing standard-setting activities on issues of particular interest to indigenous peoples,

Expressing its appreciation for all contributions and proposals submitted in the course of the drafting of the programme of action for the Second Decade, and also giving due consideration to the contributions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights to the draft programme of action,

1. *Adopts* the Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People[1] as a guideline for action for the Second Decade;

2. *Urges* all actors involved in the process to cooperate in a constructive and decisive manner in order to achieve rapid progress and concrete results in realizing the goals of the Second Decade;

3. *Appeals* to the international community at large to provide financial support to the Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, inter alia, through contributions to the Voluntary Fund for the Second Decade;

4. *Adopts* "Partnership for action and dignity" as the theme for the Second Decade,

5. *Requests* the Coordinator of the Second Decade to consult with Member States, agencies, organizations and other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system, indigenous organizations and other non-governmental organizations about the possibility of undertaking midterm and end-of-term reviews of the Second Decade;

6. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with its resolutions 40/131 of 13 December 1985, 52/108 of 12 December 1997 and 56/140 of 19 December 2001, the representatives of indigenous communities and organizations will continue to benefit from the financial assistance provided by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations to facilitate their participation in the deliberations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the working group of the Commission on Human Rights charged with elaborating the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, according to the terms of reference of the Fund;

7. *Urges* all Governments and indigenous organizations concerned to take every action necessary to facilitate the adoption of the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples as soon as possible;

8. *Invites* Governments, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, indigenous and other non-governmental organizations and civil society actors to draw up their own plans for the Second Decade, using as a guideline for action the goals, objectives and Programme of Action for the Second Decade, including integrating a gender perspective in such activities;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session, under the item entitled "Indigenous issues", a sub-item entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People".

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